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Serial No. Unassigned                )  
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Group Art Unit:

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For: **CLEANING TOOL AND HOLDING MEMBER USED FOR THE SAME**

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Respectfully submitted,

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Sir:

In accordance with the obligation under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicant would like to call the Examiner's attention to the documents listed on the attached form SB-08A (2 pages).

Applicant notes that Japanese documents A-C, listed on form SB-08A are discussed in the specification of the subject application at pages 1-4. U.S. Publication 2005/0144749, is the corresponding U.S. national phase application of reference C.

Documents D-F are listed in the International Search Report in the subject application, a copy of which is included

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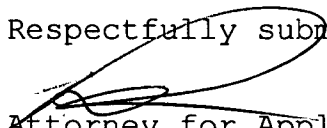
herewith.

English language abstracts for the Japanese documents are provided herewith.

Copies of the references listed on the accompanying form PTO/SB/08A and the International Search Report are provided for the Examiner's convenience.

Applicants are not aware at this time of any other prior art which could be considered to be relevant to the present application.

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